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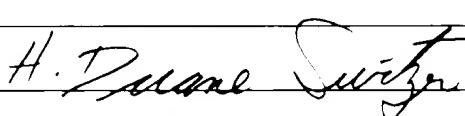
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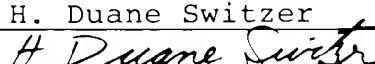
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Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
105	130	205	65		Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
127	50	227	25		Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139	130	139	130		Non-English specification	
147	2,520	147	2,520		For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
112	920*	112	920*		Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	1,840*	113	1,840*		Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	215	55		Extension for reply within first month	
116	390	216	195		Extension for reply within second month	
117	890	217	445		Extension for reply within third month	
118	1,390	218	695		Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	1,890	228	945		Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	310	219	155		Notice of Appeal	
120	310	220	155		Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	270	221	135		Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138	1,510		Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240	55		Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	1,240	241	620		Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	1,240	242	620		Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	440	243	220		Design issue fee	
144	600	244	300		Plant issue fee	
122	130	122	130		Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	50	123	50		Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
126	180	126	180		Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581	40	581	40		Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146	710	246	355		Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
149	710	249	355		For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
179	710	279	355		Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
169	900	169	900		Request for expedited examination of a design application	
Other fee (specify)						

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2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims	29	Extra Claims 20* =	-0-	x	18	=	-0-	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Independent Claims	5	- 3** =	2	x	80	=	160		
Multiple Dependent									

Large Entity Small Entity

Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description		
103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20
102	80	202	40	Independent claims in excess of 3
104	270	104	135	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109	80	209	40	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	18	210	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Jochen Dietrich et al

Serial No. : 09 720,525

Filed : December 20, 2000

Title : GAS-TIGHT FOOD PACKAGE AND A
METHOD DEVICE AND TRAY FOR
PRODUCING IT

Attorney Docket No. : 435808600002

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT PRIOR
TO CALCULATION OF THE FILING FEE

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee, please amend this application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-32.

Please insert claims 33-61 as follows:

33. (New) A food package comprising: a tray having a peripheral side wall,

an inner cavity and an inner surface; an annular collar bonded to said side wall in outwardly-

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